



UZBEKISTAN



INTRODUCTION

Uzbekistan is the geographic and population center of Central Asia. The country has a diverse economy and a relatively young population. Independent since the dissolution of the USSR in 1991, the country has diversified agricultural production while developing its mineral and petroleum export capacity and increasing its manufacturing base.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Shavkat MIRZIYOYEV

Head of Government

Prime Minister Abdulla ARIPOV

Government Type

presidential republic; highly authoritarian

Capital

Tashkent

Legislature

bicameral Supreme Assembly or Oliy Majlis consists of the Senate (100 seats) and the Legislative Chamber or Qonunchilik Palatasi (150 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 447,400 sq km
Land: 425,400 sq km
Water: 22,000 sq km

Climate

mostly mid-latitude desert, long, hot summers, mild winters; semiarid grassland in east

Natural Resources

natural gas, petroleum, coal, gold, uranium, silver, copper, lead and zinc, tungsten, molybdenum

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

lower middle-income Central Asian economy; CIS Free Trade Area member but no intention of EAEU membership; key natural gas, cotton, and gold exporter; landlocked and environmentally fragile; positive growth through COVID-19, but poverty increasing
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$239.4 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$7,000 (2020 est.)

Industries - textiles, food processing, machine building, metallurgy, mining, hydrocarbon extraction, chemicals

Agricultural products - milk, wheat, potatoes, carrots/turnips, cotton, tomatoes, vegetables, grapes, onions, watermelons

Exports \$14.52 billion (2020 est.)

gold, natural gas, cotton fibers, copper, ethylene polymers (2019)
partners: Switzerland 19%, UK 17%, Russia 15%, China 14%, Kazakhstan 9%, Turkey 8%, Kyrgyzstan 5% (2019)

Imports \$22.56 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, packaged medicines, refined petroleum, aircraft, construction vehicles (2019)

partners: China 23%, Russia 18%, South Korea 11%, Kazakhstan 9%, Turkey 6%, Germany 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

30.8 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.86% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Uzbek 83.8%, Tajik 4.8%, Kazakh 2.5%, Russian 2.3%, Karakalpak 2.2%, Tatar 1.5%, other 4.4% (2017 est.)

Language

Uzbek (official) 74.3%, Russian 14.2%, Tajik 4.4%, other 7.1%

Religion

Muslim 88% (mostly Sunni), Eastern Orthodox 9%, other 3%

Urbanization

urban population: 50.4% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 1.25% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

